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Application Number	09/670,735
Filing Date	September 27, 2000
First Named Inventor	James Christensen
Art Unit	3763
Examiner Name	Kevin C. Sirmons
Attorney Docket Number	009-26-004

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
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a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

I. Amendment/Reply

ii. Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. Other Preliminary Amendment

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
b. Other _____

3. Fees

Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to
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i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

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Signature		Date	October 31, 2005
Name (Print/Type)	Michael J. Ram	Registration No.	26,379

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Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).

FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 395.00)

Complete if Known

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

Check Credit Card Money Order None Other (please identify): _____

Deposit Account Deposit Account Number: 11-1580 Deposit Account Name: Richard S. Koppel

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FEE CALCULATION
1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES	
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES
Fee Description

		Small Entity
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)		50
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)		200
Multiple dependent claims		360

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Small Entity
7	- 20 or HP =	0	x 25 = 0	50 25
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.				200 100
Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	360 180
3	- 3 or HP =	0	x 100 = 0	Multiple Dependent Claims

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.

3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 100 =	/ 50 =	(round up to a whole number) x		=

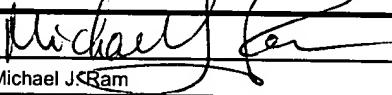
4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): Request for Continued Examination (RCE) fee

\$395

SUBMITTED BY

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